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Former Department of Education Director Spearheads DFAS Internal Review

James J. Cornell, former director for the Systems Internal Audit Office for the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Inspector General (ED OIG) was appointed as the director for the DFAS Internal Review on March 27. In addition to his new appointment, Cornell was inducted into the Senior Executive Service on April 3. As director for Internal Review, he is responsible for the administration of the agency-wide internal and operational review program. Additionally, he is responsible for performing quick response reviews, the assessment and analysis of agency performance through the performance measures/indicators program, oversight of agency compliance with the Federal Manager's Financial Integrity Act and management of the DFAS Audit Liaison Program.

Cornell is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Financial Manager. He received his bachelor's degree in Accounting from Pennsylvania State University in 1978. In December 1997, he completed the Advanced Management Program at the Information Resources Management College of the National Defense University (NDU). He also completed the Chief Information Officer Certificate Program at NDU in December 1998.

The Senior Executive Service was established to create a foundation of federal employees whose members shared values, a broad perspective of government and solid executive skills. Its stated purpose is to "ensure that the executive management of the Government of the United States is responsive to the needs, policies and goals of the nation and otherwise is of the highest quality."

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